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LOK SABHA

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SELF RELIANCE IN PRODUCTION OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is self-reliant in the production of seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to become self-reliant in the field of seeds production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) Certified/quality seed availability situation in the country is satisfactory. It is being regularly assessed by this Department with the State Governments/concerned organisations through the Zonal Conferences. The certified/quality seed requirement and availability position during the last 3 years, i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as under:

Qty. in lakh quintals.

Year	Seed Requirement	Seed Availability
1997-98	78.55	99.75
1998-99	85.18	104.39
1999-2000	89.79	104.95